

Provisional Vital Statistics for July 2006 (See note below Table)

Live births decreased slightly in July as 6,762 Missouri babies were born compared with 6,851 in July 2005. However, cumulative births for the 7-and-12 month periods ending with July

Deaths decreased for all three time periods shown below. For January-July, deaths decreased by 1.6 percent from 32,277 to 31,752.

The **Natural increase** in July was 2,575 (6,762 births minus 4,187 deaths). The natural increase rose for the 7-and-12 month periods ending with July

Marriages decreased for all three time periods shown below. For the 12 months ending with July, marriages decreased by 3.1 percent.

Dissolutions of marriage increased for the 7-month period ending with July but decreased for the 12-month period. For the 12 months ending with July the marriages to divorce ratio decreased from 1.90 to 1.86.

Infant deaths decreased slightly for all three time periods shown below. For the 12 months ending with July, the infant death rate decreased from 7.6 to 7.2 per 1,000 live births.

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<u>Item</u>	<u>July</u>				<u>Jan.-Jul. cumulative</u>				<u>12 months ending with July</u>				
	<u>Number</u>		<u>Rate*</u>		<u>Number</u>		<u>Rate*</u>		<u>Number</u>		<u>Rate*</u>		
	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>
Live Births	6,851	6,762	13.9	13.6	45,349	4,6070	13.5	13.6	77,975	79,268	13.5	13.5	13.6
Deaths	4,232	4,187	8.6	8.4	32,277	31,752	9.6	9.4	54,300	53,799	9.6	9.4	9.2
Natural increase	2,619	2,575	5.3	5.2	13,072	14,318	3.9	4.2	23,675	25,469	4.0	4.1	4.4
Marriages	4,509	4,180	9.2	8.4	23,788	23,028	7.1	6.8	41,197	39,915	7.1	7.1	6.9
Dissolutions	1,795	1,607	3.6	3.2	12,506	12,858	3.7	3.8	21,654	21,372	3.8	3.7	3.7
Infant deaths	49	36	3.6	5.3	339	322	7.5	7.0	593	571	7.4	7.6	7.2
Population base .....	...	...	5,800	5,840	...	...	5,800	5,840	...	...	5,742	5,784	5,824
(in thousands)													

* Rates for live births, deaths, natural increase, marriages and dissolutions are computed on the number per 1000 estimated population. The infant death rate is based on the number of infant deaths per 1000 live births. Beginning with provisional July 2006 data, numbers and rates are based on month of event rather than month of report. This will result in a delay in reporting, but will more accurately reflect current trends.

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